

AGENDA



Thursday, January 10, 2008

**Health and Human Services
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 16**

Subject: Approve negotiation and execution of a \$125,000 contract amendment with FAMILY ELDERCARE, Austin, TX to provide additional senior services, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$175,229.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$131,421 is available in the Fiscal Year 2007-2008 Operating Budget for the Health and Human Services Department. The term of this contract is for the period of January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2008. Funding for the balance of this contract is contingent on available funding in a future budget.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

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Prior Council Action: November 18, 2004 Council approved the original 12-month contract with three extension options. September 12, 2006 Council approved 3.5 percent increases to social services contracts. On December 14, 2006, Council approved 40 Social Services contracts with one 12-month renewal option. September 10, 2007, Council approved the 2007-2008 Operating Budget including a designation of \$125,000 for Family Eldercare and 3.5 percent increases for social services contracts. On December 13, 2007, Council approved 35 Social Services contracts for 2008, including one for Family Eldercare.

The City's 2005-2009 Consolidated Action Plan for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) noted the increasing population of Austin residents age 60 and older. Access to senior services was identified as a high priority public service need.

On September 10, 2007, during budget deliberations, Council approved an additional \$125,000 for Family Eldercare, which is being added as one-time funding for the calendar 2008 contract. The additional funding will enable Family Eldercare to expand their current City contract and provide additional services.

Family Eldercare's Senior Services Programs include: Bill Payer, Elder Shelter, Guardianship and In-Home Care. Funding of these programs helps prevent and protect Austin residents who are disabled or age 55 or older from becoming victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, and enables them to live independently for as long as possible. Participating household income cannot exceed 80% of the median family income, for example \$45,500 for a family of two.

The estimated performance measures for the calendar year 2008 contract are attached.